

- (d) the carrier proteins P1 to Pn are selected independently from a group consisting of "m" carrier proteins A1 to Am, wherein "m" is a number equal to or greater than 2;
- (e) provided that at least one of the carrier proteins P1 to Pn is different from the others.

- B1 2. (Amended) The composition according to Claim 1, in which the conjugates C1 to Cn are all different from each other either by their polysaccharide, by their carrier protein, or by their polysaccharide and their carrier protein.
3. (Amended) The composition according to Claim 2, in which the polysaccharides S1 to Sn are all different from each other.

- B2 5. (Amended) The composition according to Claim 4, in which "n" is a number equal to or greater than 10.

- B3 7. (Amended) The composition according to Claim 6, in which when "n" is an even number, "n"/2 carrier proteins P1 to Pn are A1 and "n"/2 carrier proteins P1 to Pn are A2 or when "n" is an odd number, ("n"+1)/2 carrier proteins P1 to Pn are A1 and ("n"-1)/2 carrier proteins P1 to Pn are A2.

- B4 9. (Amended) The composition according to Claim 8, in which the carrier proteins P1 to Pn are selected from the group consisting of Dt and Tt.

- B5 12. (Amended) The composition according to Claim 1, which comprises 10 or 11 valences represented by 10 or 11 conjugates in which the polysaccharides are all different from each other and are derived from the serotypes chosen from serotypes 1, 3, 4, 5, 6B, 7F, 9V, 14, 18C, 19F and 23F of *S. pneumoniae*.

13. (Amended) The composition according to Claim 12, which comprises 10 or 11 conjugates selected from:

- serotype 1 polysaccharide coupled to Tt or to Dt;
- serotype 3 polysaccharide coupled to Dt;
- serotype 4 polysaccharide coupled to Tt;
- serotype 5 polysaccharide coupled to Tt or to Dt;
- serotype 6B polysaccharide coupled to Dt;

- serotype 7F polysaccharide coupled to Tt or to Dt;
- serotype 9V polysaccharide coupled to Tt;
- serotype 14 polysaccharide coupled to Dt;
- serotype 18C polysaccharide coupled to Dt;
- serotype 19F polysaccharide coupled to Tt; and
- serotype 23F polysaccharide coupled to Tt.

14. (Amended) The composition according to Claim 1 that comprises 10 or 11 different polysaccharides and 12 to 22 conjugates, in which the polysaccharides are derived from the serotypes chosen from serotypes 1, 3, 4, 5, 6B, 7F, 9V, 14, 18C, 19F and 23F and in which conjugates having the same polysaccharide differ from each other in the carrier protein.

15. (Amended) The composition according to Claim 14, which comprises:

- serotype 1 polysaccharide coupled to Tt;
- serotype 3 polysaccharide coupled to Dt;
- serotype 4 polysaccharide coupled to Tt;
- serotype 5 polysaccharide coupled to Tt;
- serotype 6B polysaccharide coupled to Dt;
- serotype 6B polysaccharide coupled to Tt;
- serotype 7F polysaccharide coupled to Tt;
- serotype 9V polysaccharide coupled to Tt;
- serotype 9V polysaccharide coupled to Dt;
- serotype 14 polysaccharide coupled to Dt;
- serotype 18C polysaccharide coupled to Dt;
- serotype 18C polysaccharide coupled to Tt;
- serotype 19F polysaccharide coupled to Tt;
- serotype 23F polysaccharide coupled to Tt; and
- serotype 23F polysaccharide coupled to Dt.

16. (Amended) A composition that comprises "n" conjugates C1 to Cn, wherein  
 (a) each conjugate comprises

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- (i) a polysaccharide S1 to Sn, respectively, and
  - (ii) a carrier protein P1 to Pn, respectively,
  - (b) "n" is a number equal to or greater than 2;
  - (c) the polysaccharides S1 to Sn are identical or there are from 2 to "n" different polysaccharides; and
  - (d) the carrier proteins P1 to Pn are selected independently from a group consisting of diphtheria (Dt) and tetanus (Tt) toxoids,
  - (e) provided that at least one of the carrier proteins P1 to Pn is different from the others and the quantity of Dt is less than or equal to 200 and the quantity of Tt is less than or equal to 50 µg/dose.

17. (Amended) The composition according to Claim 16, in which the conjugates C1 to Cn are all different from each other either by their polysaccharide, by their carrier protein, or by their polysaccharide and their carrier protein.

18. (Amended) The composition according to Claim 17, in which the polysaccharides S1 to Sn are all different from each other.

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20. (Amended) The composition according to Claim 19 in which "n" is a number equal to or greater than 10.

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22. (Amended) The composition according to Claim 21 in which the polysaccharides S1 to Sn are all derived from the same bacterial species.

23. (Amended) The composition according to Claim 22 in which the polysaccharides S1 to Sn are all derived from the species *Streptococcus pneumoniae*.

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24. (New) The composition according to Claim 14 that comprises 12 to 22 conjugates.